



9th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship! We gather on the lawn **OR** in vehicles tuned to radio station 89.5 FM. Words in **bold** are said together. Masks are not needed.

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

L: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trust in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

Opening Song – We Have Come into His House

1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house And gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house and gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord, worship Him, Christ the Lord.
2. So forget about yourself, and concentrate on Him, and worship Him.
So forget about yourself, and concentrate on Him, and worship Him.
So forget about yourself, and concentrate on Him,
and worship Christ the Lord, worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. →

¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message and Sermon

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

Song of the Day – Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the pray'r of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. *(Repeat 3x)*

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "Lord in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Offering

- ◇ In person: a basket for gifts is on the table for your use before or after worship
- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at www.lordoflifeak.com/giving or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow instructions



Offering Song – Light the Fire

1. I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees.
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.

Refrain: So light the fire (*light the fire*)
in my soul (*in my weary soul*)
fan the flame (*fan the flame*)
make me whole (*make my spirit whole*)
Lord, you know (*Lord, you know*)
where I've been (*where I've been*)
So light the fire in my heart again.

2. I feel Your arms around me, as the pow'r of your healing begins.
Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind. (*Refrain x2*)

Offering Prayer – Blessed are you, O God. In your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion * We eat and drink after Christ's Words of Institution

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, amen.

Announcements

- Youth group tonight 4-8pm at Chena Lakes!
- We're creating a photo directory to help put faces with names after a pandemic year. Bring your photos or have Pastor Amanda take them outside! We hope to have it completed by the end of August.
- Calling assisting ministers to co-lead worship! Help lead the different prayers during worship, introducing the offering, and lead the confession of faith.
- Fellowship today is a 6' sub sandwich with side dishes – stay after worship and enjoy good food and conversation!
- Fellowship next week is based on scriptures (Meat): Exodus 16:12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat.'" Smoked salmon, meatballs on toothpicks, have fun with this one!

Blessing and Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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